

Smoke Detectors Save Lives

*Most fatal fires occur at night.
Every home needs working
smoke detectors to provide an
early warning.*



- Install smoke detectors in all sleeping rooms, hallways that lead to sleeping areas, basements, and each additional level of your home. Call your local fire department if you are unsure about placement.
- Smoke detectors should be mounted on the ceiling 4" from the wall; wall mounts should be 4-12" from the ceiling. Do not install near draft areas (windows, vents).
- Keep your smoke detector working. Change the batteries every six months and vacuum at least once a year. Dust and cobwebs can impair sensitivity.
- **TEST YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR!!!** Most detectors have test buttons. (Check manufacturers instructions.)
- Prepare and practice an escape plan! Crawl low under smoke. Plan where to meet outside. **ONCE YOU'RE OUT, STAY OUT!**
- Remember, almost every day a smoke detector saves somebody's life...it's up to you to protect yourself and your family.



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